GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3614
ANSWERED ON:18.04.2005
MINING OF IRON ORE BY SAIL
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has sought clearance for mining iron ore from Rowghat and Chirva Mines;

(b) if so, whether permission has been accorded; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in giving the clearance and by when the same is likely to be accorded?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) Yes, Sir. Steel Authority of India Ltd.(SAIL) has sought fresh mining lease of Rowghat mines from the Government of Chattisgarh. Indian Iron and Steel Company (IISCO), a subsidiary company of SAIL, has sought renewal of mining leases of Chiria mines from the Government of Jharkhand.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) For Rowghat Mines, the Government of Chhatisgarh has recommended the application for grant of mining lease to the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India on 07.04.2005 for forestry clearance.

For Chiria Mines, Government of Jharkhand has rejected the renewal application of Ajitaburu and Sukri Latur leases of Chiria Mines, against which IISCO has obtained a order to maintain status quo from the Jharkhand High Court and the matter is subjudice. IISCO has also filed a revision application against the rejection of the above mentioned renewal application for consideration of the Mining Tribunal. The other three leases of Dhobil, Tatiburu and Anqua of the Chiria mines are under deemed extension, whose renewal is under consideration of the Jharkhand Government.